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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PARK DEPARTMENT
FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952.

Boston, December 31, 1952.

HON. JOHN B. HYNES,
Mayor of Boston.

DEAR SIR:

In accordance with section 15 of chapter 185, Acts of 1875, the Park Commission herewith submits its annual report for the year 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. KELLEY,
*Chairman, Board of
Park Commissioners.*

THEODORE C. HAFFENREFFER,
JOSEPH LEE,
Commissioners.

Expenditures for Maintenance, January 1 to December 31, 1952.

.PARKS, GARDENS — SQUARES.

Algonquin square	\$126 00
Aquarium	56,442 47
Aquarium, grounds	4,978 00
Arborway	6,313 53
Arnold Arboretum	1,467 78
Back Bay District	14,117 74
Back Bay yard	30,600 65
Belmont square	110 50
Berners square	337 70
Blackstone square	2,402 00
Boston Common, Bandstand	1,902 55
Boston Common, Charles Street Station	2,341 32
Boston Common, Deer Park	764 00
Boston Common, Frog Pond	2,521 00
Boston Common, grounds	72,648 92
Boston Common, Information Booth	511 07
Boston Common, Park Street Station	650 29
Boston Common, Playland	121 50
Boston Common, West Street Station	1,155 56
Braddock park	469 75
Bradford street play area	1,445 04
Brighton District	25,157 65
Bromley park	55 00
Camp Meigs	493 25
Castle Island	2,271 94
Cedar square	116 50
Centerville park	116 00
Central square	2,470 25
Chambers and Poplar streets	110 50
Chandler Pond	1,820 20
Charlestown District	9,785 96
Chester park	1,635 44
Chiswick road	168 81
Christmas trees	450 00
City square	2,419 99
Columbia road	699 30
Columbus Park	17,014 26
Columbus Park Stadium	7,081 76
Commonwealth avenue, main	19,863 10
Concord square	1,786 33
Dorchester Heights	4,587 25
Dorchester Park	6,432 66
East Boston District	6,712 85
East Boston Stadium	18,458 50

Public City Maintenance
Sept. 30, 1953

Fens	\$22,347	67
Fens Rose Garden	20,100	50
Fens Stadium	12,619	90
Fens Vet Memorial	656	97
Franklin Park, Administration Buildings, shops, etc.	19,809	94
Franklin Park, blacksmith shop	2,773	73
Franklin Park, carpenter shop	30,084	75
Franklin Park, garage	54,822	83
Franklin Park, golf course	27,300	68
Franklin Park, greenhouse	72,025	56
Franklin Park, grounds	67,962	89
Franklin Park, harness shop	2,038	75
Franklin Park, lawn mower shop	307	07
Franklin Park, paint shop	34,484	42
Franklin Park, plumber shop	11,929	31
Franklin Park, Refectory Building	3,282	90
Franklin Park, repair shops	46,777	58
Franklin Park, Rose Garden	14,335	91
Franklin Park, School Master Hill	3,283	85
Franklin Park, storehouse	38,396	75
Franklin Park, yard	28,005	15
Franklin square	2,786	25
George Wright Golf Course	71,148	80
Greenough Park	106	80
Harrison Avenue, Play Area	442	00
Haverhill Park	383	18
Hayes square	168	75
Herbert J. Wolf square	1,554	40
Highland park	372	12
Horatio Harris Park	2,374	25
Independence Park	1,000	00
Irving W. Adams Park	2,333	75
Jamaica Pond Boat Landing	162	43
Jamaicaway	15,741	63
John Harvard Mall	2,863	52
Kelley's Circle	1,491	75
Kenmore square	1,164	97
Logan square	445	50
Madison Park	2,841	50
Malden street	426	08
Maloney square	61	25
Martin M. Lomasney Park	165	75
Mary Cummings Estate	67	50
Massachusetts avenue	2,905	75
Maverick square	749	00
McLean Park	1,622	50
Meade and Ludlow streets, Play Area	505	88
Michael J. Brophy Park	334	50
Myrtle street	606	95

Myrtle Street Boat Landing	\$5,342 12
Orchard Park	1,910 94
Park Drive, Administration Building	32,403 10
Park, roads	11,789 12
Parks, General	9,825 66
Plympton Street Pool	1,281 37
Preble Street Traffic Circle	333 50
Prescott square	1,768 00
Public Garden	47,500 93
Putnam square	1,795 00
Recreation Division	196,344 00
Riverway	8,198 30
Ross Estate	332 41
Rutland square	1,887 79
Savin Hill Park	526 93
Soldiers' Monument Lot	896 00
Sorrento Street, Play Area	304 40
South Boston District	9,566 55
Statler Park	564 31
Strandway	220 96
Tenean Beach	26 74
Thomas Park	915 75
Union park	1,493 38
Walnut park	2,076 75
Washington Park	3,673 75
Webster square	228 50
West End District	110 50
William B. Corbett Park	362 75
Winthrop square	113 50
Worcester square	2,665 55
Zoological Garden, animal range	11,103 96
Zoological Garden, antelope house	11,673 16
Zoological Garden, bear dens	9,728 24
Zoological Garden, bird house	41,374 07
Zoological Garden, camel house	7 50
Zoological Garden, elephant house	13,393 60
Zoological Garden, elk range	4,236 12
Zoological Garden, general	77,301 90
Zoological Garden, lion house	10,822 59
Total	<u>\$1,483,408 44</u>

PLAYGROUNDS.

Almont Street Playground	\$8,957 76
American Legion Playground	6,314 02
Billings Field Playground	8,301 46
Brookside Avenue Playground	2,753 18
Cassidy Playground	6,516 97
Ceylon Street Playground	4,192 32
Cherry Street Playground	950 25

Christopher J. Gibson Playground	\$8,972 22
Christopher J. Lee Playground	5,603 14
Fallon Field Playground	10,526 82
Francis Parkman Playground	4,600 64
Franklin Field Playground	29,896 25
Frederick D. Emmons Playground	5,974 47
General Playground	29,612 80
George H. Walker Playground	5,637 03
James L. Cronin Playground	4,259 40
James F. Healy Playground	6,243 15
James and Margaret Tobin Playground	617 00
Jefferson Playground	6,597 18
John J. Connolly Playground	8,853 41
John J. Doherty Playground	11,521 53
John F. Holland Playground	1,972 75
John W. Murphy Playground	6,603 13
John H. L. Noyes Playground	6,952 61
John J. Ryan Playground	1,640 50
John Winthrop Playground	3,778 63
Joseph Lee Playground	3,846 93
Kiley Street Playground	1,286 50
King Street Playground	1,276 75
L. Gertrude Howes Playground	3,841 24
Lester J. Rotch Playground	8,362 38
London Street Playground	1,115 75
Mary Draper Playground	5,771 36
Mary Hannon Playground	3,161 75
Mary E. Hemenway Playground	7,281 43
McConnell Park Playground	7,100 76
McKinney Playground	7,287 65
McLaughlin Playground	1,150 25
Mission Hill Playground	7,937 28
North End Prado Playground	7,221 10
Paris Street Playground	1,929 59
Parker Hill Playground	5,904 56
Phillips Street Playground	3,899 00
Pitts and Hale Streets Playground	1,771 00
Portsmouth Street Playground	5,993 34
Prince Street Playground	1,013 80
Readville Playground	3,450 63
Rev. Father Buckley Playground	549 64
Rogers Park Playground	9,441 13
Ronan Park Playground	9,190 27
Smith's Pond Playground	8,487 64
Stanley A. Ringer Playground	7,166 36
Thomas J. Roberts Playground	7,536 34
Troy Street Playground	961 35
Tyler Street Playground	165 75
Wesley G. Ross Playground	7,346 91
William Amerena Playground	5,731 21
William J. Barry Playground	3,233 10

William E. Carter Playground	\$6,817 33
William Eustis Playground	7,529 51
William E. Garvey Playground	10,715 38
William F. Smith Playground	7,971 26
William Gary Walsh Playground	4,085 13

Total	<u>\$385,379 98</u>
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GYMNASIA.

Brighton Gymnasium	\$5,207 22
Cabot Street Gymnasium	46,824 22
Columbia Road Gymnasium	13,000 92
Curtis Hall Gymnasium	25,028 61
Gymnasiums, General	12,520 36
Hyde Park Gymnasium	10,348 30
John J. Williams Gymnasium	23,362 78
Lexington Street Gymnasium	9,865 01
North Bennet Street Gymnasium	44,088 31
Paris Street Gymnasium	55,461 12
Roslindale Gymnasium	9,991 77
Tyler Street Gymnasium	13,111 93
Vine Street Gymnasium	21,762 54

Total	<u>\$290,573 09</u>
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BATHS AND BEACHES.

Baths, General	\$2,943 02
Broadway Municipal Building	28,312 95
Charlestown Pool	49,192 12
Dover Street Bath House and Laundry	192,981 93
L Street Bath House and Beach	124,351 60
L Street Solariums	3,122 12
North End Park Beach, Bath, and Pool	48,901 85
Repair Room, Sewing Room, and Stock Room	46,941 17

Total	<u>\$496,746 76</u>
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

Central Office — Administration	\$149,464 67
Fuel	20,488 99
Street trees	84,340 69
Miscellaneous	1,130 60
Automobiles, tractors, wagons, etc.	114,060 83

Total	<u>\$369,485 78</u>
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RECAPITULATION.

Parks and gardens	\$1,483,408 44
Playgrounds	385,379 98
Gymnasias	290,573 09
Baths and beaches	496,746 76
General expenses	369,485 78
Total	<u>\$3,025,594 05</u>

CASH RECEIPTS.

For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1952.

PARK DIVISION.

Franklin Park Golf Course	\$20,445 50
George Wright Golf Course	31,969 00
Permits for openings, signs, etc.	73 20
Use of labor, equipment, etc.	300 00
Refunds	260 59
Telephone commissions and refunds	309 96
Settlement of claims for damages	2,543 03
Miscellaneous	28 00
Towels, soap, etc., from playground houses	1,927 24
Rentals from property and concessions	10,901 00
Suspense account	500 00
Sale of park land	165,750 00
Boston Common Tree Fund, income	125 72
Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Fund, income	6,194 86
Randidge Trust Fund, income	1,768 68
Babcock Music Fund, income	81 65
Foss Flag Fund, income	85 00
Foss 17th of June Fund, income	85 00
	<u>\$243,348 43</u>

BATH DIVISION.

Towels, soap, etc., income	\$32,677 48
Sale of junk	15 00
	<u>32,692 48</u>
	<u>\$276,040 91</u>

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General revenue	\$101,450 00
Trust funds, income	8,340 91
Suspense account	500 00
Sale of park land	165,750 00

\$276,040 91

Expenditures of Loans, Revenue, Special Appropriations and Trust Funds, January 1, 1952, to December 31, 1952.

RECREATION.

Common and Parks in Existence on January 12, 1887, Maintenance and Improvement of	\$176,593 82
Construction of Buildings and Original Equipment and Furnishings Thereof, Non-Revenue	79,527 94
Gallivan Boulevard, Washington Street, Dorchester; and Gary Walsh Playground, Restoration of	—

Mary P. C. Cummings Trust Funds, Income	\$6,562 53
Park and Playground Improvements, etc., Revenue	153,456 48
Randidge Trust Fund, Income	5,315 68
Reconstruction and Repair of Parkways and Roadways	19,015 01
Playground, Fairmount Section, Hyde Park	1,650 00
Playground, West Roxbury District	11,000 00
Rehabilitation of the Franklin Park Zoo	22,366 76
Trees Afflicted with Dutch Elm Disease, Removal of	81,814 83
William J. Barry Playground, Restoration of	—
Park Department, South End District	8,957 19
Total	<u>\$566,260 24</u>

FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE.

Opening Date — April 5, 1952. Closing Date — December 7, 1952.

Registered attendance, 33,332.	
Annual permits, residents, 621 at \$15	\$9,315 00
Annual permits, non-residents, 4 at \$30	120 00
Weekend-Holiday permits, non-residents, 282 at \$1.50	423 00
Daily permits, 9,710 at \$1	9,710 00
Twilight permits, 1,755 at 50 cents	877 50
Total	<u>\$20,445 50</u>

GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE.

Opening Date — April 12, 1952. Closing Date — December 17, 1952.

Registered attendance, 44,108.	
Annual permits, residents, 466 at \$30	\$13,980 00
Annual permits, non-residents, 59 at \$40	2,360 00
Weekend-Holiday permits, 3,924 at \$2	7,848 00
Daily permits, 6,320 at \$1	6,320 00
Lockers, 454 at \$3	1,362 00
Total	<u>\$31,870 00</u>

Skating Attendance for Season 1952.

Name of Playground.	Approximate Attendance.
Aimont Street Playground	3,000
Amerena Playground	4,150
American Legion Playground	3,500
Billings Field Playground	6,500
Brookside Avenue Playground	1,200
Carter Playground	7,800
Chandler Pond Playground	10,500
Charlestown Playground	7,500

Name of Playground.	Approximate Attendance.
Columbus Park Playground	15,500
Cronin Playground	3,800
Doherty and Gibson Playgrounds	9,200
Dorchester Park Playground	5,500
Draper Playground	1,500
Eustis Playground	4,000
Fallon Field Playground	12,500
Franklin Field Playground	58,000
Garvey Playground	47,000
Hemenway Playground	3,500
Jamaica Pond	4,300
Jefferson Playground	14,000
Lee, Joseph, Playground (Back Bay)	12,000
McConnell Park Playground	17,000
McKinney Playground	6,200
Murphy Playground	7,500
Noyes Playground	5,200
Parkman Playground	2,700
Public Garden	30,000
Ringer Playground	2,700
Roberts, Thomas J., Playground	6,500
Rogers Park Playground	6,000
Rotch Playground	4,300
Smith Playground (Brighton)	6,100
Smith's Pond Playground	11,000
Wood Avenue Playground	12,000
Total	<u>352,150</u>

General Attendance for Season 1952.

Name of Playground.	Approximate Attendance.
Ahlsen Playground	68,800
Almont Street Playground	61,000
Amerena Playground	49,200
American Legion Playground	67,000
Billings Field Playground	172,000
Boston Common Playstead	327,000
Brookside Avenue Playground	33,500
Carter Playground	153,500
Ceylon Street Playground	47,800
Charlesbank Playground	111,200
Charlestown Heights Playground	18,200
Charlestown Playground	106,900
Cherry Street Playground	12,200
Chestnut Hill Playground	175,700
Columbus Park Playground and Stadium	304,600
Connolly Playground	160,500
Cronin Playground	67,000

Name of Playground	Approximate Attendance.
Dorchester Park Playground	107,600
Draper Playground	43,000
Doherty and Gibson Playgrounds	222,000
Emmons Playground	17,000
Eustis Playground	124,500
Fallon Field Playground	247,600
Franklin Field Playground	614,000
Garvey Playground	200,188
Healy Playground	248,500
Hemenway Playground	65,000
Holland Playground	43,000
Jefferson Playground	159,800
Lee, Christopher, Playground (South Boston)	140,000
Lee, Joseph, Playground (Back Bay)	228,600
McConnell Park Playground	145,500
McKinney Playground	89,800
Mead Street Playground	24,000
Mission Hill Playground	106,600
Murphy Playground	116,000
North End Park Playground	142,300
Noyes Playground (closed)	—
Parker Hill Playground	50,500
Parkman Playground	45,300
Portsmouth Street Playground	47,750
Prince Street Playground	38,000
Readville Playground	77,000
Ringer Playground	82,800
Ripley Playground	24,000
Roberts Playground	145,600
Rogers Park Playground	161,400
Ronan Park Playground	190,100
Rotch Playground	90,000
Smith, William E., Playground	180,950
Smith's Pond Playground	86,950
Snow Hill Street Playground	54,700
Sweeney Playground	26,750
Tyler Street Playground	12,850
Walker Playground	143,850
West Third Street Playground (Fr. Buckley)	22,750
Winthrop, John, Playground	43,000
Wood Avenue Playground	65,750
World War Memorial Park	76,200
Total	<u>6,687,288</u>

Shower Baths, Attendance, 1952.

BUILDING	Men	Boys	Women	Girls	Total
Brighton.....	9,955	3,830	427	427	14,639
Broadway.....	74,125	24,775	41,325	20,800	161,025
Cabot Street.....	32,084	7,522	4,130	2,060	45,796
Columbia Road.....	90,525	14,500	3,870	4,130	113,025
Copley School.....	13,450	5,210	3,089	3,605	25,354
Curtis Hall.....	41,435	4,510	1,773	1,963	49,681
Dover Street.....	65,040	1,595	5,885	1,667	74,187
Hyde Park.....	38,710	18,775	1,325	2,270	61,080
John J. Williams.....	71,200	9,175	19,700	6,375	106,450
Lexington Street.....	39,975	30,050	8,900	11,000	89,925
North Bennet Street.....	138,023	51,039	64,683	43,296	297,041
Paris Street.....	135,860	20,900	17,145	6,470	180,375
Roslindale.....	16,686	4,534	2,030	840	24,090
Tyler Street.....	50,250	27,150	5,725	5,225	88,350
Vine Street.....	71,750	9,925	21,975	14,800	118,450
L Street Baths.....	642,553	187,148	31,074	51,384	912,159
L Street Solariums.....	8,579	.....	2,760	.....	11,339
Totals.....	1,540,200	420,638	235,816	176,312	2,372,966

Gymnasia, Class and Individual Attendance, 1952.

LOCATION	Men	Boys	Women	Girls	Total
Cabot Street.....	1,801	8,550	625	1,612	12,588
Columbia Road.....	4,173	6,104	799	4,830	15,906
Curtis Hall.....	4,206	5,299	804	4,667	14,976
Hyde Park.....	2,221	6,194	1,715	2,011	12,141
J. J. Williams Building.....	3,999	7,305	1,311	3,323	15,938
Lexington Street.....	3,241	3,115	1,999	1,801	10,156
North Bennet Street.....	6,766	7,373	300	1,315	15,754
Paris Street.....	4,204	14,320	1,700	7,640	27,864
Roslindale.....	3,396	9,110	4,320	3,121	19,947
South Boston.....	5,402	17,440	701	5,100	28,643
Tyler Street.....	1,740	4,224	379	648	6,991
Vine Street.....	2,560	15,113	1,063	5,835	24,571
Totals.....	43,709	104,147	15,716	41,903	205,475

Beaches and Swimming Pools, Attendance, 1952.

LOCATION	Men	Boys	Women	Girls	Total
Cabot Street Pool.....	2,180	5,294	470	3,340	11,284
Curtis Hall Pool.....	3,506	9,269	1,443	7,445	21,663
Charlestown Pool.....	23,350	64,050	15,750	58,700	161,850
North End Park Beach.....	30,890	53,698	26,290	44,852	155,730
L Street Beach.....	642,553	31,074	165,715	72,817	912,159
Totals.....	702,479	163,385	209,668	187,154	1,262,686

**PARK DEPARTMENT STATISTICS TO
DECEMBER 31, 1952.**

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Parks.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
MAIN PARK SYSTEM:									
Commonwealth avenue.....	1894-1905..	.....	\$650,115 15	\$650,115 15	112.70 acres	12.1 miles	11.9 miles		
Fens.....	1877-1879..	\$736,854 49	3,270,672 06	4,007,526 55	116.99 "	4.32 "	7.04 "	1.1 miles	22 acres
Avenue Louis Pasteur.....	1922.....	.....	.....	.....	3.19 "	0.27 mile	0.50 mile		
† Riverway.....	1883-1890..	457,457 53	860,936 54	1,318,394 07	40.00 "	1.4 miles	2.8 miles	1.2 "	8 "
‡ Olmsted Park.....	1890-1892..	1,081,947 60	832,228 19	1,914,175 79	180.00 "	2.7 "	5.8 "	1.6 "	77 "
Arborway.....	1892.....	245,584 25	474,248 17	719,832 42	36.00 "	3.4 "	3.2 "	1.4 "	
Arnold Arboretum.....	1882-1895..	79,354 15	462,637 39	541,991 54	223.00 "	3.4 "	5.65 "	0.5 mile	0.6 acre
West Roxbury Parkway.....	1894.....	135,265 29	176,638 10	311,903 39	65.94 "	1 mile	2 "	0.94 "	
Joyce Kilmer Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.53 "				
Franklin Park and Zoological Garden.....	{1883-1884 } {1906-1912 }	1,551,896 63	4,220,108 97	5,772,005 60	522.00 "	7.91 miles	14.9 "	1.19 miles	7.4 acres
MARINE PARK SYSTEM:									
Columbia Road.....	1899.....	447,528 63	557,757 18	1,005,285 81					
Dorchester Way.....	1892-1895..	63,735 54	93,804 34	157,539 88	31.20 "	5.3 "	6.1 "		
Strandway and Columbus Park.....	{1890-1892 } {1897-1901 }	772,515 12	2,832,600 62	3,605,115 74	254.30 "				
Marine Park and Aquarium.....	1883.....	232,972 57	1,729,642 10	1,962,614 67	{ 52.71 " land 4.90 " flats	0.6 mile	1.39 "	.....	3.4 "
Castle Island.....	1890.....	.....	172,651 79	172,651 79	25.70 " land 78.30 " flats	0.16 "	1.15 "		
McCONNELL PARK.....	1899-1914..	50,759 33	255,696 41	306,455 74	9.78 " land 50.55 " flats	0.20 "	0.29 mile		

SAVIN HILL PARK.....	1909.....	31,925 55	18,712 21	50,637 76	8.26 acres			
* IRVING W. ADAMS PARK..	1919.....	50,000 00	21,411 93	71,411 93	0.78 acre			
WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.....	1882-1891..	132,800 00	402,988 47	595,788 47	211.00 acres	0.3 "	2.1 miles	
CHARLESBANK.....	1893.....	373,916 99	379,645 74	753,562 73	25.41 "	.....	1.5 "	
TRINITY TRIANGLE.....	1885.....	30,000 00	.....	30,000 00	0.18 acre			
ENS. JOHN J. DOHERTY, JR., PLAYGROUND.....	1891.....	50,538 02	186,373 19	236,911 21	10.35 acres	.....	0.4 mile	
JOHN J. RYAN, JR., PLAY- GROUND.....	1891.....	172,923 31	54,931 93	227,855 24	{ 13.66 " land 3.70 " flats }	.....	0.6 "	
DORCHESTER PARK.....	1891-1903..	64,165 37	34,326 30	98,691 67	31.47 "			
FRANKLIN FIELD.....	1892-1910..	157,341 22	227,413 72	384,754 94	77.00 "	0.65 "	1.09 miles	
NORTH END BEACH.....	1893.....	328,364 44	464,182 82	792,547 26	{ 3.70 " land 3.00 " flats }			
* VINCENT CUTILLO PARK, NORTH END.....	1917.....	160,350 00	40,338 95	200,688 95	0.48 acre			
WILLIAM B. CORBETT PARK, DORCHESTER CENTER....	1917.....	22,904 86	1,691 37	24,596 23	0.94 "			
COPP'S HILL TERRACE.....	1893.....	90,858 19	55,641 05	146,499 24	0.6 "	.....	0.11 mile	
CHESTNUT HILL PARK OR CASSIDY PLAYGROUND....	1898-1899 and 1902..	210,239 06	43,314 95 734 51	253,554 01 734 51	54.19 acres	1.44 miles	0.10 "	
CHERRY STREET PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH END....	1922.....	108,004 78	17,647 27	125,652 05	0.55 acre			
ALMONT STREET PLAY- GROUND, MATAPAN.....	1924.....	11,095 24	49,572 34	60,667 58	17.81 acres *	.....	0.04 "	
PLAYGROUND, MISSION HILL, 1913-1915..		291,138 24	73,277 02	364,415 26	4.24 "	.....	0.21 "	
* JOHN F. HOLLAND PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	1917.....	13,700 00	29,669 36	43,369 36	1.07 "			
ROXAN PARK PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1912-1916..	101,957 78	124,117 43	226,075 21	11.65 "	.....	0.83 "	

See footnotes on page 24.

Park Department Statistics to December 31, 1952.—Continued.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
* FREDERICK D. EMMONS PLAYGROUND, CHARLESTOWN.....	1912.....	\$80,946 47	\$8,746 53	\$89,693 00	1.07 acres				
PRINCE STREET PLAYGROUND, 1897-1899 } 1901-1902 } TENEAN BEACH, DORCHESTER, 1914-1915 } 1928-1933 }		180,474 70	9,241 01	189,715 71	0.4 acre				
* WILLIAM F. SMITH PLAYGROUND, NORTH BRIGHTON, 1894.....		102,140 00	85,313 76	187,453 76	20.01 acres	0.25 mile	0.35 mile		
* WILLIAM H. GARVEY PLAYGROUND, NEPONSET, 1896.....		22,107 12	34,129 33	56,236 45	14.00 "				
BILLINGS FIELD, WEST ROXBURY.....		24,804 39	152,325 46	177,129 85	16.68 "		0.28 "		
* CHRISTOPHER J. LEE PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON.....		47,068 98	78,947 47	126,016 45	10.83 "		0.23 "		
MARY HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER....	1897.....		128,758 69	128,758 69	5.20 "		0.4 "		
* MARY P. C. CUMMINGS MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND, WOBURN.....	1920.....	29,730 76	70,523 27	100,254 03	4.41 "				
PAUL GORE STREET PLAYGROUND.....	1930.....				234.00 "				
* WILLIAM J. BARRY PLAYGROUND, CHARLESTOWN..	1913.....				0.74 acre				
* J. M. & J. J. SULLIVAN PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY..	1897-1923..	202,463 00	193,073 74	395,536 74	5.72 acres		0.09 "		
CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER....	1897.....	14,593 72	13,376 42	27,970 14	0.85 acre				
	1897.....	37,709 58	60,042 75	97,752 33	4.34 acres		0.11 "		

* WILLIAM E. CARTER PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	{1899-1900 1901-1902 }	327,503 84	79,506 28	407,010 12	5.02 "		
* JAMES L. CRONIN PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1899.....	43,990 09	9,702 10	53,692 19	2.24 "		
* FALLON FIELD PLAY- GROUND, ROSLINDALE.....	{1899-1913 1917-1931 }	91,325 11	85,455 31	176,780 42	7.57 "	0.36 "	
* JAMES F. HEALY PLAY- GROUND, ROSLINDALE.....	1902.....	25,166 75	43,185 19	68,351 94	9.63 "	0.14 "	
* LESTER J. ROTCH PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH END.....	1903.....	256,440 63	27,302 32	283,742 95	2.8 "		
* JOHN J. CONNOLLY PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	1903-1905.....		100,958 90	100,958 90	5.1 "		
* ROGERS PARK, BRIGHTON..	1899-1931..	45,998 30	78,920 12	124,918 42	8.20 "	0.44 "	
CARROLL POND, WEST ROX- BURY.....	1921.....		8,376 75	8,376 75	0.47 acre		
JOHN H. L. NOYES PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON....	1909.....	10,015 00	155,338 96	165,353 96	{ 5.24 acres land 3.07 " flats }		
West THIRD STREET PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH BOSTON..	1909.....	10,201 30	4,000 00	14,201 30	0.28 acre		
* MATTHEW J. SWEENEY PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1909.....	10,201 30	4,397 40	14,798 70	0.47 "		
WILLIAM EUSTIS PLAY- GROUND.....	1909-1924..	116,220 06	97,467 53	213,687 59	7.60 acres		
JOHN WINTHROP PLAY- GROUND.....	1911.....	20,994 26	39,153 50	60,147 76	1.57 "		
* GEORGE H. WALKER PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER....	1912-1914..	22,011 33	47,496 72	69,508 05	6.21 "	0.10 "	
* STANLEY A. RINGER PARK, ALLSTON.....	1916-1931..	57,090 00	73,123 69	130,213 69	12.38 "	0.35 "	
* ARTHUR F. McLEAN PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON....	1917.....	20,754 17	18,688 84	39,443 01	0.43 acre		

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PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
PARIS STREET PLAYGROUND,	1912.....	\$50,630 64	\$13,083 38	\$63,714 02	1.27 acres				
TYLER STREET PLAYGROUND,	1912.....	26,239 19	12,203 86	38,443 05	0.26 acre				
* JOHN W. MURPHY PLAY- GROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN,	1912-1919..	26,861 80	68,854 68	95,716 48	4.17 acres				
PORTSMOUTH STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1912.....	15,000 00	31,936 36	46,936 36	4.29 "				
TOWN MEETING PARK, DOR- CHESTER.....	1921.....	5,859 00	2,889 53	8,748 53	0.22 acre				
15 GYMNASIUM SITE, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1921.....	40,000 00	8,500 00	48,500 00	0.36 "				
13 FACTORY HILL PLAY- GROUND.....	1912.....	.....	8,837 89	8,837 89	5.20 acres				
16 RIPLEY PLAYGROUND.....	1913.....	.....	13,465 75	13,465 75	0.86 acre				
17 SMITH'S POND PLAYGROUND,	1914-1931..	.....	74,326 47	74,326 47	12.91 acres				
CEYLON STREET PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER...	1923.....	30,116 78	19,017 22	49,134 00	4.03 "				
18 CARL H. AHLSEN PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER...	1916-1943..	.....	.....	.....	11.20 "		0.20 mile		
19 JOHN A. DOHERTY PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER...	1897.....	.....	35,939 45	35,939 45	1.47 "				
AMERICAN LEGION PLAY- GROUND, CONDOB STREET, EAST BOSTON.....	1924.....	63,300 00	35,672 88	98,972 88	3.38 "				
PLAYGROUND, READVILLE, BULLARD, MILTON AND REGENT STREETS, HYDE PARK.....	1924.....	13,417 34	21,894 90	35,312 24	5.03 "				

JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND, HEATH, FLOYD AND CRAWFORD STREETS, ROXBURY,.....	1924.....	67,329 80	42,670 20	110,000 00	7.51 "		
FRANCIS PARKMAN PLAY- GROUND, WACHUSETT STREET, FOREST HILLS,.....	1924.....	12,000 00	16,706 32	28,706 32	2.06 "		
REV. FATHER BUCKLEY PLAYGROUND, BOLTON AND WEST THIRD STREETS, SOUTH BOSTON,.....	1925.....	51,432 00	19,340 98	70,772 98	0.65 acre		
PAUL REVERE MALL, NORTH END.....	1925.....	107,600 00	23,372 38	130,972 38	0.76 "		
STATLER PARK, COLUMBUS AVENUE, STUART AND TENNISON STREETS.....	1925.....	352,200 90	15,918 88	368,119 78	0.25 "		
BROOKSIDE AVENUE PLAY- GROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN.....	1925.....	11,600 00	19,080 77	30,680 77	1.32 acres		
*11 WILLIAM AMERENA PLAY- GROUND, EAST BOSTON.....	1925.....	37,949 50	39,366 17	77,315 67	4.06 "		
12 AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON.....	{1928-1931 and 1932}	107,060 45	1,902,869 05	2,009,929 50	370 "	0.65 mile	0.75 "
GERTRUDE HOWES PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	1930.....	26,307 40	10,227 28	36,524 68	1.88 "		
* MCKINNEY PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON.....	1930.....	59,950 00	15,631 20	75,581 20	5.94 "		
* 11 THOMAS J. ROBERTS PLAYGROUND, DOR- CHESTER.....	1930-1931..	21,360 08	75,881 73	97,241 81	10.40 "	.....	0.30 "
12 MARTIN M. LOMASNEY PARK, WEST END.....	1930.....	25,000 00	52,810 67	77,810 67	2.57 "		
PLAYGROUND, FOSTER AND COURT STREETS, NORTH END.....	1930.....	3,924 00	4,354 25	8,278 25	0.10 acre		
GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE, HYDE PARK, WEST ROXBURY.....	1930-1931..	146,818 08	357,040 99	503,859 07	158.48 acres		

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		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
MARY DRAPER PLAYGROUND, WEST ROXBURY.....	1932.....	\$23,853 80	\$22,947 45	\$46,801 25	5.76 acres	0.02 mile	0.18 mile		
JOSEPH D. McLAUGHAN PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY..	1931.....		24,158 72	24,158 72	11.54 "				
*Wesley Ross PLAYGROUND, NEAR WESTMINSTER STREET, HYDE PARK.....	1936.....	10,000 00	44,816 42	54,816 42	13.03 "				
SNOW HILL STREET PLAYGROUND, NORTH END....	1937.....		4,189 71	4,189 71	1.13 "				
ALICE E. GALLAGHER MEMORIAL PARK, CHANDLER'S POND, BRIGHTON,	1937-1943..		742 50	742 50	13.59 "				13 acres
EVERETT and ELM STREETS, DORCHESTER.....	1939.....				1.16 "				
LEO F. MCCARTHY PLAYGROUND, MEAD and LUDLOW STREETS, CHARLESTOWN.....	1938.....		3,751 24	3,751 24	0.28 acre				
WASHINGTON and STIMSON STREETS, WEST ROXBURY,	1938.....				0.30 "				
CHARTER STREET and GREENOUGH LANE, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, NORTH END.....	1940.....				0.23 "				
TOBIN PLAYGROUND, ALBION STREET, SOUTH END....	1941.....				0.57 "				

73 EAST DEDHAM STREET, BOSTON, S.W.....	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.41 "
MAIDEN STREET, SOUTH END, BOSTON.....	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.21 "
VERNON STREET, ROXBURY..	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.40 "
** SUMNER AND ORLEANS STREETS, EAST BOSTON...	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.40 "
THORNTON STREET, ROX- BURY.....	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.06 "
PITTS AND HALE STREETS, WEST END.....	1942.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.11 "
TROY AND ROCHESTER STREETS, SOUTH END....	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.17 "
LONDON AND DECATUR STREETS, EAST BOSTON..	1941.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.13 "
HOWARD AVENUE, DORCHES- TER, MARY A. HANNON PLAY AREA.....	1940-1945..	8,890 45	8,890 45	.....	.....	1.69 acres
HILL AND COOK STREETS, CHARLESTOWN.....	1942.....	3,117 78	3,117 78	.....	.....	0.10 acre
PHILLIPS STREET PLAY- GROUND, WEST END.....	1942.....	3,772 25	3,772 25	.....	.....	0.13 "
BEECHER STREET PLAY AREA, WEST ROXBURY.....	1942.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.18 "
McKAY SCHOOL PLAY AREA, FRANKFORT, GOVE AND COTTAGE STREETS, EAST BOSTON.....	1942.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.50 "
KING STREET, ROXBURY....	1943.....	740 00	740 00	0.32 "
JOHN HARVARD MALL, CHARLESTOWN.....	1943.....	0.85 "

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PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
HENRY ROSS ESTATE, FOREST HILLS.....	1943-1945..	.....	.....	.....	7.69 acres				
PENNIMAN ROAD AND HANO STREET, BRIGHTON.	1945.....	.....	\$15,272 03	\$15,272 03	0.94 acre				
GREEN AND LAMARTINE STREETS, JAMAICA PLAIN..	1945.....	.....	21,164 62	21,164 62	1.32 acres				
RACHEL REVERE OVERLOOK, NORTH STREET, BOSTON..	1945.....	.....	10,008 90	10,008 90	0.08 acre				
CARLETON STREET, SOUTH END.....	1945.....	.....	6,120 39	6,120 39	0.05 "				
CARSON STREET, DORCHESTER.....	1945.....	.....	2,400 03	2,400 03	0.92 "				
WASHINGTON, EAST DEDHAM AND MYSTIC STREETS, SOUTH END.....	1945.....	\$30,272 75	10,175 30	40,448 05	0.32 "				
BRUCE STREET, WEST ROXBURY.....	1945.....	.....	.....	.....	80 "				
WILLIAM GARY WALSH PLAYGROUND, GALLIVAN BOULEVARD, CORNER WASHINGTON STREET, DORCHESTER.	1946.....	.....	95,386 56	95,386 56	7.03 acres				
14 OAK SQUARE PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON.....	1947.....	25,760 00	6,002 95	31,762 95	1.48 "				
SUMNER AND WILLIS STREETS, DORCHESTER, UNDEVELOPED.....	1947.....	.....	.....	.....	0.03 acre				

MYRTLE STREET PLAY AREA.	1949.....	.....	950 00	0.17 "	
UNION STREET, BRIGHTON...	1949.....	.....	4,163 86	1.54 acres	
CHISWICK AND SIDLAW ROADS, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, PARK SITE.....	1949.....	23,000 00	23,000 00	0.60 acre	
HARRISON AVENUE, 624-634, PLAY AREA, SOUTH END..	1950.....	.....	3,620 00	0.12 "	
POPLAR STREET PLAY AREA, WEST END.....	1950.....	.....	9,081 33	0.137 "	
RUSSETT ROAD, BRUCE STREET, WELD STREET, VFW PARKWAY PLAY- GROUND SITE.....	1950.....	11,000 00	11,000 00	6.76 acres	
21 WALLINGFORD ROAD, CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE, BRIGHTON.....	1951.....	.....	.....	10.00 "	
POPLAR AND HILLSIDE STREETS, ROSLINDALE....	1951.....	.....	.....	0.44 acre	
22 WALL STREET, WEST END.	1951.....	.....	6,875 34	0.08 "	
22 HOLYOKE STREET, SOUTH END.....	1951.....	.....	.....	0.04 "	
23 HAVERHILL AND PERKINS STREETS, CHARLESTOWN..	1951.....	.....	.....	0.23 "	
24 RUTHERFORD AVENUE AND UNION STREET, CHARLES- TOWN.....	1951.....	.....	.....	0.21 "	
25 HOOKER, SORRENTO AND GODDARD STREETS, BRIGHTON.....	1951.....	9,555 01	1.00 "	
TRUMAN HIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON STREET, HYDE PARK.....	1951.....	1.32 acres	

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PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to DATE.		Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.					
CUMSTON STREET PLAY AREA, SOUTH END.....	1952.....	.....	\$732 79	0.011 acre				
DOUGLASS COURT PLAY AREA, NORTH END.....	1952.....	.....	.....	0.011 "				
BRADFORD AND WILKES STREETS PLAY AREAS....	1952.....	.....	7,386 41	0.10 "				
CABOT STREET EXTENSION, LAND TO BATH HOUSE....	1952.....	.....	.....	0.13 "				
TOTALS.....	.....	\$11,483,978 55	\$23,857,594 89	3,409.28 acres	46.07 miles	73.98 miles	7.93 miles	131.4 acres

* Named for soldier killed in World War.

† An additional area of 18 acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

‡ An additional area of 16½ acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

§ Custody given to the city by Acts of Congress.
|| 49 acres transferred from Water Department; an additional area of 160.65 acres, including water area of 122.7 acres, is under control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.

¶ Transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.

** Sold 1948, Public Auction, private owners.

1 World War Memorial.

2 Acquired by ordinance, chapter 7 of 1922.

3 Transferred from and \$454.15 expended by the Public Grounds Department.

4 25,470 square feet transferred from and \$2,000 expended by the Public Grounds Department.

5 Acquired by annexation of Hyde Park.

6 Acquired by gift.

7 Transferred from Metropolitan Park.

8 Transferred from Street Laying-Out Department.

9 Formerly part of Christopher Gibson Playground, set apart and named, November 9, 1920.

10 256 acres leased from Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Airport transferred to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 1, 1941.

11 792 acres transferred from School Committee by chapter 229, Acts of 1931.

12 Acquired by section 2, chapter 371, Acts of 1929, and chapter 91 of General Laws, indenture December 11, 1930, under provision of chapter 92, section 87, of General Laws; Act of City Council, approved May 25, 1933.

13 Transferred from Institutions Department by chapter 40, Acts of 1931.

14 Purchased from Metropolitan Transit Authority.

15 Property sold.

16 To be transferred to Commonwealth for additions to Airport.

17 Part of roadway transferred to City of Boston Public Works Department, 1951.

18 Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.

19 Part of this area under control of Metropolitan District Commission, 1949.

20 Part of this area to Public Buildings Department for building.

21 Transferred from Public Works Department, 1951.

22 Transferred from Real Estate Division.

23 Developed by Metropolitan District Commission, transferred to Park Department.

PARK DEPARTMENT — CEMETERY DIVISION.

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from January 1, 1952, to December 31, 1952.

DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES.

The burying grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows, with a total area of about 7,040,708 square feet:

	Square Feet.	Established.
<i>Bennington Street</i> , East Boston	157,500	1838
<i>Bunker Hill</i> , Charlestown	48,202	1807
<i>Phipps Street</i> , Charlestown	76,740	1630
<i>Copp's Hill</i> , Hull street, City	89,015	1659
<i>Kings Chapel</i> , Tremont street, City	19,344	1630
<i>Granary</i> , Tremont street, City	82,063	1660
<i>Central</i> , Common, City	60,693	1756
<i>South End South</i> , Washington street, City .	64,670	1810
<i>Hawes</i> , Emerson street, South Boston . . .	11,232	1816
<i>Union</i> , East Fifth street, South Boston . .	5,470	1841
<i>North</i> , Uphams Corner, Dorchester	142,587	1633
<i>Eliot</i> , Eustis street, Roxbury	34,830	1630
<i>South</i> , Dorchester avenue, Dorchester . .	95,462	1814
<i>Westerly</i> , Centre street, West Roxbury . .	39,450	1683
<i>Walter Street</i> , West Roxbury	35,100	1711
<i>Evergreen</i> , Commonwealth avenue, Brighton .	604,520	1848
<i>Market Street</i> , Brighton	18,072	1764
<i>Mount Hope</i> , Walk Hill street, 125 acres and	14,330	
square feet		1851
<i>Fairview</i> , Fairview avenue, Hyde Park, about 50 acres,		1892

CITY TOMBS.

Twenty-five in the South Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in Copp's Hill Ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Ground; one for infants in Kings Chapel Ground; one for infants in the Central Ground; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery, and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

Cemetery Division Receipts, January 1 to December 31, 1952.

CEMETERIES.	General Receipts.	Perpetual Care Receipts.	Interest on Perpetual Care.
Mount Hope.....	\$110,476 91	\$18,745 00	\$18,508 89
Fairview.....	19,915 81	9,040 00	4,892 31
Evergreen.....	17,996 35	10,455 00	6,307 29
Dorchester North.....	193 00	385 00	386 76
Dorchester South.....	80 00	.....	136 76
Westerly.....	.....	.....	176 10
Central.....	20 00	.....	62 50
Phipps Street.....	.....	.....	6 26
Bunker Hill.....	.....	.....	1 00
Granary.....	.....	.....	62 50
Copp's Hill.....	.....	.....	62 50
King's Chapel.....	.....	.....	62 50
Bennington Street.....	58 00	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$148,740 07	\$38,625 00	\$30,665 37

Total, General Fund, December 31, 1951.....	\$3,345,623 08	
Interest, General Fund, 1952.....	99,905 61	
Revenue (General Receipts), 1952.....	148,740 07	
Discounts on Securities Purchased.....	3,536 59	
		\$3,597,805 35
Payments from Fund during 1952:		
Premiums and Accrued Interest.....	\$1,373 81	
Refunds.....	760 00	
		2,133 81
Total, General Fund, December 31, 1952.....		\$3,595,671 54
Total, Perpetual Care Funds, December 31, 1952.....		1,021,908 05
Total Cemetery Funds.....		<u>\$4,617,579 59</u>

**Summary Statement of Cemetery Activities, January 1 to
December 31, 1952.**

CEMETERIES.	Interments.	Lots Sold.	Graves Sold.	Lots in Perpetual Care.	Graves in Perpetual Care.	Lots in Annual Care.	Graves in Annual Care.	Foundations Built.	Preparing and Planting.	Various Orders.
Mount Hope.....	1,543	172	547	8,308	2,085	.....	.....	315	.....	5
Fairview.....	239	27	52	1,016	1,279	1	.....	100	1	.....
Evergreen.....	197	35	54	1,025	2,589	1	.....	84	10	.....
Dorchester North....	5	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Dorchester South....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phipps Street.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bunker Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennington Street....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Westerly.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	1,989	234	653	10,354	5,953	2	.....	501	11	5

**Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance, Year Ending
December 31, 1952.**

Office	\$17,909 59
Mount Hope	174,864 08
Fairview	39,993 32
Evergreen	32,390 62
Dorchester North	4,436 18
Dorchester South	2,966 50
Bennington Street	3,607 10
Bunker Hill	2,431 66
Copp's Hill	3,422 70
Eliot	1,513 18
Granary	3,318 90
Kings Chapel	3,774 12
Phipps Street	1,708 29
South End South	1,491 97
Market Street	132 20
Westerly	378 50
Central	469 65
Park	1,190 75

\$295,999 31

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